

# Ready to Read

## An Early Literacy Newsletter

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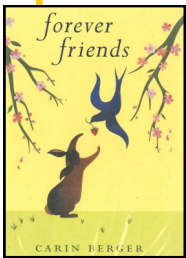
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## Library Books for Winter Themes

### All Four Seasons

**All Around the Seasons** by Barney Saltzberg  
Illustrations and rhymes celebrate what makes each season special, from baby chicks in the spring through a snowman in the winter.

**The Bear Went Over the Mountain** by Iza Trapani  
A bear goes exploring near his home in the mountains, using all five senses throughout the four seasons.



**Forever Friends** by Carin Berger  
In the spring, a blue bird awakens a rabbit and invites him to play. They enjoy every day together until it is time for the bird to fly south for the winter, with a promise to return.

**Old Bear** by Kevin Henkes  
When old Bear falls asleep for the winter, he has a dream that he is a cub again, enjoying each of the four seasons.

**Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit** by Il Sung Na  
While other animals migrate, hibernate or stay busy all winter, a little white rabbit watches.

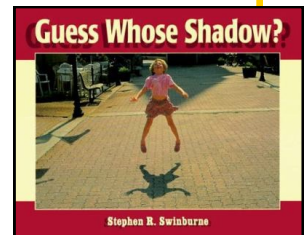
### Groundhog Day and Shadows

**Brownie Groundhog and the February Fox**  
by Susan Blackaby  
Brownie the groundhog encounters a fox while waiting for winter to be over, and through clever maneuvering, the two become friends.

**Go to Sleep, Groundhog!** by Judy Cox  
When Groundhog is unable to sleep, he experiences autumn and winter holidays before he finally falls asleep before Groundhog Day.

**Gregory's Shadow** by Don Freeman  
Gregory Groundhog and his shadow look for each other after they become separated just before Groundhog Day.

**Guess Whose Shadow?**  
by Stephen R. Swinburne  
This informational book shows how light creates shadows.



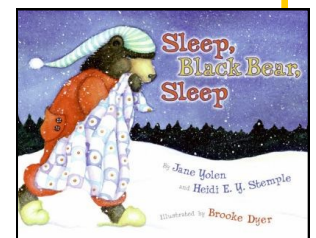
**Shadow** by Suzy Lee  
A little girl uses her imagination and a light bulb to go on an adventure in a dark attic.

### Hibernation

**Bear Dreams** by Elisha Cooper  
A bear cub persuades his friends to play with him instead of hibernating.

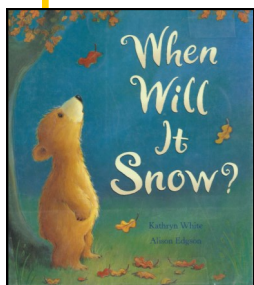
**Ouch!** by Ragnhild Scamell  
Just as Hedgehog is entering her winter nest for a long nap, a falling apple gets stuck on her spiny back.

**Sleep, Black Bear, Sleep**  
by Jane Yolen  
When winter arrives, different animals settle into their homes for a long sleep.



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### **When Will It Snow?**

by Kathryn White

When Little Bear's mother begins to prepare him for winter hibernation, he is sad because he will miss playing with his friends in the snow.

## **Snow**

### **Anna's Wish** by Bruno Hachler

Through the power of her wishes and her faith, Anna brings snow to the village again.

### **In the Snow** by Sharon Phillips Denslow

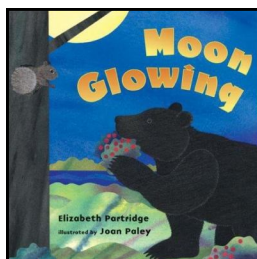
Forest animals come out after a fresh snow to eat the seeds a thoughtful child has scattered on the ground.

### **Little Puppy Lost** by Linda Jennings

When three puppies go out for their first romp in snow, they are frightened by a stranger and Ollie, separated from his siblings, must try to find his way home through snowy fields and icy woods.

### **Moon Glowing** by Elizabeth Patridge

Soon the forest will lie quiet under a blanket of snow, but first, four furry animals must prepare for winter.



### **No Two Alike** by Keith Baker

This story follows a pair of birds on a snowflake-filled journey through a winter landscape, where everything everywhere, from branches and leaves to forests full of trees, is unique.

### **Sam the Snowman** by Susan Winget

Sam the snowman is trying hard to make it snow, but he cannot quite get the hang of it.

### **Snow** by Cynthia Rylant

This story celebrates the beauty of a snowfall and its happy effects on children.

### **Snowy, Blowy Winter** by Bob Rasczka

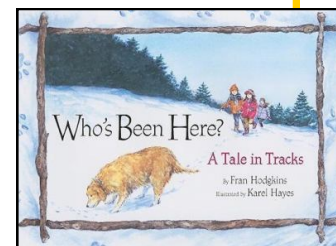
Illustrations and simple rhyming text portray winter activities, from snowman-building, sledding and sitting by a fire to feeding birds.

### **The Snowy Day** by Komako Sakai

A little rabbit enjoys having a day off from kindergarten, and he spends time with his mother during a snow storm.

### **Who's Been Here? A Tale in the Tracks** by Fran Hodgkins

Follow the paw prints of a golden retriever and identify his animal friends by studying their tracks in the snow.



## **Early Literacy Resources**

Go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library), click on **Preschoolers** and find these early literacy resources:

- **Early Literacy Book Bags:** Borrow library book bags with 10-20 books on a variety of themes. There are also book bags with popular Level 1 books for beginning readers.
- **Ready to Read Resources:** Discover library books, songs, fingerplays and websites for many themes.
- **What's New in Picture Books:** See the newest children's books available at any neighborhood library branch.